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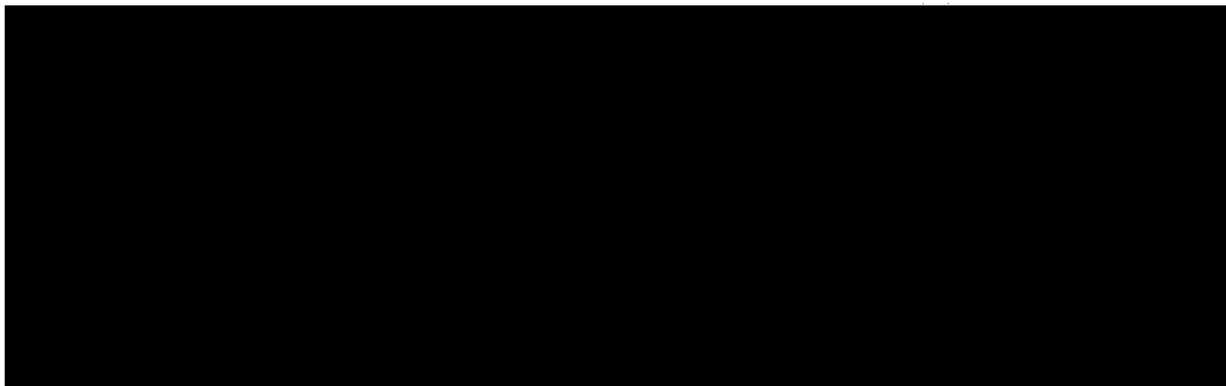
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2. Under such an arrangement TSS will be able to test newly developed equipment. [redacted] under approximately operational conditions and TSS can have the benefit of operationally experienced OTR instructors to furnish guidance which may possibly avoid the development of apparatus with limited operational usefulness. On the other hand, instructors in OTR courses can be kept informed of the development of new devices and the status of testing, production, etc.

3. However, the line between testing and training should be well defined in any agreed-to proposal involving prototypes of TSS equipment. It is unnecessary, unrealistic, and unfair to train individuals in the direct or indirect use of equipment which will not be available to them for planning or conducting their own field operations. Although I am opposed to incorporating equipment which exists only in prototype into any of the regularly scheduled OTR courses of training, I can readily recognize that such prototype equipment may very advantageously be tested with the cooperation of the staffs [redacted] provided that testing requirements do not interfere with normally scheduled instructional responsibilities. Only that TSS equipment which is available in quantity from the Office of Logistics or readily obtainable from developmental lot stocks maintained by TSS should actually be incorporated in any of the OTR training courses.

4. It seems to me that a similar agreement could also cover testing efforts [redacted] with the understanding that funding of any testing program involving large expenditures would be arranged for by TSS. A further limitation, of course, would be the necessity to re-examine any proposed testing, the magnitude of which might be inconsistent with the established cover [redacted]

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5. This Office has been in receipt of a request from the PP Staff, DD/P that the Chief, [REDACTED] participate in any tests conducted [REDACTED] or elsewhere, for determining uses and capabilities of equipment, devices, techniques, etc., considered for clandestine purpose use by this Agency. This request has been granted. To assure the necessary coordination it is essential that a continuing liaison channel be established between TSS and OTR. For each test, prior arrangements should be made through the Chief, Plans and Research Staff, OTR; within TSS I recommend the continued use of your Training Division for this purpose.

6. I would appreciate an expression from you on your interest in further developing a testing and training agreement covering all TSS R&D divisions within the framework of that proposed in paragraphs 2 and 3 above.

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